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TO: Insurers, Self-Insurers, and Self-Insured Groups

FROM: Catherine R. Farnam RN, MS, CS, Director, Office of Health Policy

DATE: December 23, 2002

RE: Compensation Review System

This memo is to update you regarding the implementation plan for the Compensation Review System (CRS) data collection that will begin on January 1, 2003. The Department will expect the first quarter data submission on or before April 30, 2003.

As previously described we will be collecting data quarterly for back injuries only. The information collected will be based on the date of payment for treatment approved by the insurer. For example, if the insurer approved payment on January 1, 2003 for a procedure completed in December of the previous year, it should be included in the 2003 data aggregate. First quarter claims data should include all office visits, physical therapy treatments, occupational therapy treatments, chiropractic visits, and x-rays for back injuries for January 1, 2003 through March 31, 2003. Please send it in a CDROM format or e-mail to franc@dia.state.ma.us (ONLY). If you have questions about the format, data elements, or transfer of the data contact Ms. Clarke at (617) 727-4900 x 583. The following is an example of the data fields we are requesting.

Required fields:

- Gender
- Date of Birth
- Claimant Zip Code
- Date of Injury
- Date of Treatment
- CPT Code
- Primary ICD-9 Code
- Insurer's Federal Employee ID #
- Insurer's Claim #
- Provider's Federal Employer ID#
- Provider Zip Code

(COLLECTION OF DESIRABLE FIELDS – OBSOLETE as of 2004)

Desirable additional fields:

- Injured Body Part
- Treatment Description
- Name of TPA, or other claims handling organization (if applicable).

I have enclosed (Obsolete as of 2004 – CPT and) ICD-9 codes associated with back injuries. Although this list is not all inclusive, you will find it representative of many of the (obsolete as of 2004 - CPT and) ICD-9 codes found involved with workers having back injuries. We are now collecting ALL CPTs associated with listed ICD9s.

Note: The Primary ICD-9 code is the one associated with the claim reported within the last 30 days of the medical treatment and having the greatest payment cost during that period.

We have also listed below the insurer entities in which we believe you are associated with, if this is inaccurate please contact Fran Clarke or myself.

Should you have any other questions or concerns regarding the implementation of the CRS feel free to contact me at (617) 727-4900 x 574 or email cathyf@dia.state.ma.us. Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.